

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY)	ORDER APPROVING TARIFF
NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION D/B/A)	REVISIONS
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)	
OF TARIFF REVISIONS)	NG05-008

On July 20, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy (NWE) for approval of tariff revisions regarding a new service offering that would allow customers to lock-in their winter natural gas supply price. The service would be available to commercial and industrial customers including schools and hospitals which have requested fixed gas supply prices during the heating season. Prices would be locked in from November through April. NWE requested approval on less than 30 days notice. NWE filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

- Section No. 1, 28th Revised Sheet No. 1, Canceling 27th Revised Sheet No. 1
- Section No. 1, 4th Revised Sheet No. 2, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 2
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 5.1
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 5.2
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 5.3
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 5.4
- Section No. 3, Original Sheet No. 5.5
- Section No. 3, 8th Revised Sheet No. 9, Canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 9
- Section No. 3, 229th Revised Sheet No. 9a, Canceling 228th Revised Sheet No. 9a
- Section No. 3, 126th Revised Sheet No. 9b, Canceling 125th Revised Sheet No. 9b
- Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 9.3
- Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 9.4
- Section No. 6, Original Sheet No. 9.5

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 9, 2005, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval, with less than 30 days notice.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. The Commission further finds that the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of tariff revisions on less than 30 days notice is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above referenced tariffs sheets are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after September 1, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of August, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Belinda Kolbe

Date: 8/18/05

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Jr.
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*